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Alfreda Bersins

1. On 10 August 1950 [] met [] at his house in Hamburg. [] works for the Investigation Section of the US Displaced Persons Center and is attached to the US Consulate in Hamburg. [] presented [] to Alfreda Bersins, a Latvian national, who is due to leave for the US under the Displaced Persons Bill. Bersins will probably be sailing on the USS General Hann which is due to arrive in New York about 30 August 1950. Bersins' address in the US is care of A. Smijias, 8 Moll Place, Newark 6, N.J. He speaks Latvian, excellent German and very poor English.
2. Bersins appears to be in his early fifties. In the latter twenties, he was the youngest representative in the Latvian Parliament at the age of 28. From 1937 to 1940, Bersins held a position in the Latvian government equivalent to that of the US Secretary of the Interior. He spent 33 months in Sachsenhausen concentration camp, getting out at the end of 1944.
3. Bersins is a strong supporter of the ABN (Anti Bolshevik Block of Nations) which has its headquarters in the offices of the Ukrainian Red Cross in Munich. He is, however, not officially connected with it in any way. He claims to be in close touch with Stephan Bandera and Jaroslav Stajcko who are the leaders of the Ukrainian element within the ABN. He stated that Bandera lives in a suburb of Munich and also that the leader of the partisans in the Ukraine was a General Guprinka. General Farkas, a Hungarian refugee in Western Germany, is the Chief of Military Operations of the ABN. Bersins claimed that the ABN had no worthwhile contact with the Americans and desires to establish such a contact. He stated that, at one time, an American had been in touch with members of the ABN in Munich but that after lengthy conversations this had led nowhere. He is anxious to place the Americans in touch with Bandera and claims to be in a position to do so. Bersins further stated that Bandera's organization frequently has contact with the partisans in the Ukraine through partisans who come to Germany on foot and who then return to the Ukraine. A group of such Ukrainians is expected to arrive in Munich toward the end of August.
4. It is suggested that Bersins be interviewed after his arrival in the US. [] who has resigned his present job, is flying to the US on or

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about 30 August 1950 and can be reached at 2411 Chesterfield Avenue, Baltimore 13, Maryland, Phone: Tuxedo 5730. Because of the fact that Bersins will probably require that anyone coming to interview him about this matter be properly identified, it would perhaps be more advisable to contact Bersins through []

5. MOB is requested to contact Mr. Tripp, Chief of Immigration and Naturalization Service with headquarters in Munich in order to ask him to obtain Bersins' dossier (DO No 162943) which he can request from the Displaced Persons Commission in Bremen. [] recommended that we use this method to obtain more information on Bersins. He stated that the INS often has reason to call for a dossier and that this does not particularly draw attention to the person whose dossier has been requested. After obtaining the dossier, MOB is requested to photograph it and to send a copy to FIM for reference purposes.

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